

Appropriations Committee

Subject: Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) budget proposal

I OPPOSE ANY RATE INCREASE FOR THE STATE OF CT PISTOL PERMIT INITIAL OR RENEWAL

Based on the info supplied by OLR dated 2/6/2013, "State Comparison of Gun Permit Fees", and the average 1 year cost across the country for pistol permit renewal is \$13.82. This figure was created by take each state, their cost, and the number of years for the renewal to a common denominator of a single year. The data supplied by the state is out of date and does not include the states that in the last 3 years have moved to Constitutional Carry which no longer requires a permit or permit fees. Currently 13 states have moved to this and New Hampshire bill is sitting on the Governor's desk to be signed.

This is the only inalienable Constitutional right that is subject to fees. While I understand that the intent was to cover the cost of issuing permits, the suggested rates is now making this a profit center. The mentioned increases will prohibit a large class of citizens to be able to exercise their Constitutional right. The fees are more than the cost of many different handguns on the market which prevents all the wealthy from obtain or maintaining a permit. As a senior citizen, this fee increase will actually make it so that I no longer will be able to afford it and is outrageous.

This shows that Malloy and his cronies are really anti-gun mongers which are trying to remove a right of citizens in contrary of the US Constitution, Bill of Rights, and the State Constitution. I feel that this move is the new way forward of creating a new age plantation mentality where the powers to be are controlling all.

Respectfully Submitted,

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